Forts in Rajasthan

1979. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of forts in Rajasthan which are being looked after by the Central Government and how many by the State Government;

(b) what is Government's policy to take over the forts to look after and maintain them by the Union and State Governments; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to include Ranthambor Fort in the list of World Heritage and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The number of forts in Rajasthan under Central Government and State Government are 8 and 22 respectively.

(b) The policy of the Union and State Governments for the protection and taking over of ancient and historical forts which are more than 100 years old is based respectively on the national and regional importance. Besides the archaeological and historical importance, the related aspects of ownership, usage and encumbrances etc. are also taken into consideration.

(c) No, Sir.

Adult education programme

1980. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment about the progress made so far in each state under adult education (Proudha Shiksha) Scheme as envisaged in the National Education Policy; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education 1986 envisages that systematic programme of adult education linked with national goal will be organised and the existing programme reviewed and strengthened. After a thorough review of the existing programme in the field of adult education, the Government have decided to launch National Literacy Mission with a view to providing functional literacy to 30 million persons in 15-35 age group by 1990 and another 50 million by 1995. The details of the Mission are being worked out.

Construction of air strip at Shravasti, U.P.

1981. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct an air strip at Shravasti, District Bahraich, in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the land for the purpose has been acquired and work started;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(d) when the work is likely to be started; and

(e) whether Government are aware that an early construction of the air strip at Shravasti will greatly benefit the tourist traffic?